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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. After 3 March, the Flak Kaserne in Brandenburg was occupied by 600 troops. About 36 trucks, 20 x 57-mm AT guns and about 100 soldiers from the Flak Kaserne were loaded for shipments to Haldensleben at about 3:20 p.m. on 3 March. On 21 February, a train with tanks, which had come from the Pionier Kaserne on 10 February and which had been loaded for shipment to Satz Korn came from Nennhausen and was unloaded at Altstadt railroad station. At 4 p.m. on 25 February, 12 trucks, 2 sedans, 60 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 11 officers were entrained for shipment to Schwerin-Goerries. The unit came from the Infanterie Kaserne. It returned from Hagenow-Land on 1 March.

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2. On 28 February, the Feldzeugmeister Kaserne in Brandenburg quartered a heavy artillery unit. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. From 25 to 28 February, the following training activity was observed at the installation: about 30 soldiers marched to the Infanterie Kaserne, while about 130 soldiers marched out of the installation equipped with rifles and targets; about 20 soldiers marched out with cable reels; driving school trucks each occupied by 10 soldiers, drove out of the installation on 25 February. Several 122-mm field howitzers, were for training purposes only, were seen in the installation. They seldom left the installation.

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3. On 27 February, the General Feldzeugmeister Kaserne was occupied to capacity by 1,800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, motor transport or signal insignia. On 18 February, prime movers each towing a 203-mm howitzer, and prime mover

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with the trailer [] entered the installation. On 19 February, prime movers [] each towing a 203-mm howitzer, and prime mover [] with trailer [] left the installation toward Goerden and returned at about 3 p.m. on 20 February. On 20 February, prime movers [] each towing a 280-mm howitzer, prime movers [] the latter with trailer [] and truck [] with the trailers [] were seen moving out of the installation toward Goerden. The column with four 280-mm howitzers returned to the installation at about 3 p.m. At about 9 a.m. on 23 February, about 360 troops marched to the memorial monument. From 24 to 27 February, troops drilled with and without gas masks in the billeting area. []

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4. On 27 February, the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, motor transport and signal insignias. About 400 troops assembled in the barracks yard at 9 a.m. on 23 February. Truck [] loaded with wreaths, entered the installation. On 24 February, about 40 soldiers practiced with 6 x 37-mm AA guns in the barracks yard on 24 February. Eight x 37-mm AA guns stood in front of the garages on 26 February. []

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1. [] Comment. Trains of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) from the Flak Kaserne and Infanterie Kaserne as well as of the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div from the Pioneer Kaserne which were previously reported and are again confirmed by the present report.

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2. [] Comment. The report again confirms the units of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US) with the 203-mm howitzers in the General-feldzeugmeister Kaserne. [] So far, no 280-mm howitzers have been observed with the brigade and, [] cannot be carried with the brigade. The 122-mm field howitzers have been observed in the installation for a long time. []

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It is possible that the howitzers belong to the abovementioned brigade but it could not be determined whether they were used only for training purposes.

3. [] Comment. The Infanterie Kaserne has hitherto been carried as quartering elements of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) to which the six 37-mm AA guns also belong. [] The number of 37-mm AA guns mentioned in the present report cannot be accounted for. []

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